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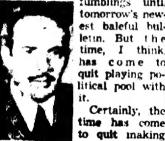
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The Time Has Come for Us to Quit Playing Cuban Roulette

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Lord knows, enough has been written about our criminal in eptitude in handling the Cuber situation, from earliest feeble fumblings until



time, I think, has come to quit playing political pool with

Certainly, the time has come side-bar deals, under -the-table

who runs the country. The time has come to quit buying bodies back and forth with money and drugs and suggested tractors. The time has come to tell line of work; the time has come to tell Bobby Kennedy to keep his mouth shut and to quit hustling dough from admirers to make deals with.

to cease and desist from allowing Miro Cardona, the disenchanted Castroite, from making loud statements about Jack Kennedy promising him an invasion with six divisions of troops. Absolutely, the time has come for the popularity-loving President to stop shooting off his mouth about recapturing Cuba for the Cubans unless he intends to send in a mess of Marines and planes and really knock off the joint,

And the time, most assuredly, has come for Americane to step putting themselves in sestions where bribery and parter must be implemented in order to buy them loom from Castro's Jails. American should not really be to the anti-klunsping business chaking down

trees in order to ransom the freedom of the kidnaped,

"You can't do business with Batista regime, and from all Hitler." You damned well can't the other old cynical regimes of do business with Castro, Somein the sordid racket of diplomatinade color are regrest country cy, by trying to conduct trade a conduct trade on the level of the gangster capital is in Pavana, the govto quit making admit the swindle or call in the the people are in Manni."

gang war or attract the atter-

The time has certainly come Havana was a jewel of a city, quit operating on a conversa-Varadero was a fine place it visit; the Guajiro who cut care tioned basis with Cube. The iad a suckling par, the ion on certific come for Washington o add to his basic binck beans in feast days. I.e. forth is 10 tell the public what it has on hine all flourished.

> Of the lot, about the only thing left is sunshine to recmmend the country. The output of murder has cortainly increased; there is a housing shortage in the prisone, heavy increase in Russians, Chinese, Ozochs, secret police, unpaid informers, paid informers, and unpaid-or time on TV to allow Fiiri an opportunity to conluct his usual five-hour fireide chats.

We have crumbed up the Cuba deal from the beginning of recognition of Fidel, when he One of the great lines was an outlaw fighting against come out of World War II was; the limited sins of old Batista. "You can't do business with We measured emigres from the

where you have to draw a line, Machaelo, Greet and the rest, in Nobody ever really won even terms of woulder. Now, as the

Eventually you have either to ernment is in Moscow, and all

I don't know what me Ken-Cuba has been poison for nedy boys have in mind for. barters, with the furry frenetic America since we trait! Cuba, but it can't be very capabacked Castro against that cyn ble or even feasible, judging ical old perverter of right, Be from the record. So far nothing tista. Batista's perversion of the government has done has right was calculated along the made any sort of sense, with lines of the local crook whilthe possible exception of the steals, bribes, occasionally must bluff Kennedy pulled against James Denovan to find another ders a rival, but never really the Russians last fall, a gutsy does anything rough enough bit of business which risked a nuclear war to make a point. nuclear war to make a point which never should have been Under the former sergeant first place. But one thing I do allowed to sharpen itself in the Cuba was surface-prosperous know: The time has come to

> perchance went barefort but time has come for Mr. Donoshoes were not entirely rooms vin, the Great Negotiator, to ary anyhow, and at jour heater tone. And the time has

> cambling, construction, rum its rake in reference to Cuba, ight clubs, fishing, mining, IV for up 'ki now all the public has heaters, radio, sugar and som generally been told les been a INN & of Jes.

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